

also served on the Jackson County Green Ways Committee, on the Board of Directors of Cullowhee Fire Department, and as the President of the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, Mr. Farmer worked with Jackson County Housing to construct elderly housing and with the Jackson County Department on Aging to build access ramps for the disabled elderly. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sylva since 1965, where he often served as a Deacon.

I am proud to have had Mr. Farmer as a constituent. I extend my condolences to his family and offer my most sincere appreciation for his service to North Carolina.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2346,
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the War Supplemental Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2346.

The illegitimate war in Iraq undermines our credibility on the world stage as we continue to occupy the country. Over 4,300 Americans and estimated hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians have been killed in a war fought over lies. The conflict in Afghanistan was ignored while the previous administration led the American people into war with Iraq. We need to withdraw our troops and direct our support to humanitarian aid and a stable civilian government.

These wars have cost us the ability to properly address the biggest problems facing our country. Healthcare reform, our economy, and reforming energy policy are top priorities of Congress. We cannot justify hundreds of billions of dollars for these wars at the expense of the American taxpayer.

I urge my colleagues to vote against the war.

HONORING CHARLES M.
CHAMBERS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of an important community leader and a good friend, Charles M. Chambers, who passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Mr. Chambers served from 1993 to 2006 as Lawrence Technological University's fifth president and as the University's first chancellor from February 1, 2006 to July 1, 2006, when he was named president emeritus. His dedication to higher education and technology reshaped the business acumen at Lawrence Tech and allowed the University to enjoy unprecedented fund acquisition to enhance curriculum and facilities throughout the campus.

During his tenure, Chambers led the institution in investing millions of dollars in upgrading older facilities on the University's 102-acre

campus. In addition, the University constructed several new facilities, including the University Technology and Learning Center, the Student Housing Center-North, the A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center, and the Center for Innovative Materials Research. Growth and expansion of applied research and academic offerings accelerated during his presidency, including the launch of Lawrence Tech's first doctoral programs and the establishment of learning centers and higher education partnerships elsewhere in Michigan, Canada, Germany, Mexico, and Asia.

Dr. Chambers' career accomplishments are testaments of his passion for revitalizing the scientific community and enhancing higher education. In the 1960s, he was an aerospace engineer with NASA, where he participated in the Apollo space program. He was president of the American Foundation for Biological Sciences, a consortium of over fifty scientific laboratories, museums, and societies. In addition, he served on the faculties of Harvard University, the University of Alabama, and George Washington University, where he was a dean for graduate evening programs.

Dr. Chambers was also involved in economic development initiatives for southeast Michigan. A founding director of Oakland County's Automation Alley, he also served on the advisory board of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Detroit Renaissance Steering Committee, the Oakland County Workforce Development Board, the WIRED (Workforce Investment for Regional Economic Development) and the Education Foundation of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was also a member of the Oakland County Business Roundtable.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Chambers, a genuine leader in the field of education, science and technology. I join with the Chambers family, and the extended family of Lawrence Technological University, in mourning his loss, celebrating his life, and paying tribute to him for all the good work he did for others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained last evening and missed rollcall vote 350. If present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING WOMEN AIR SERVICE
PILOTS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for legislation recognizing the Women Air Service Pilots with a Congressional Gold Medal. These brave women served the nation at a pivotal moment in our history. I'm proud that we in Congress have finally commended them for their pioneering spirit and selfless dedication during World War II.

The Women Air Service Pilots, commonly known as WASP, were the first women in history authorized to fly American military aircraft. These courageous women volunteered to fly noncombat missions so that every available male pilot could be deployed into combat, contributing to the successful completion of U.S. Air force missions in the South Pacific and on the Western Front.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, WASPs used their well-honed skills to dutifully service military aircraft, providing the U.S. Army Air force with an invaluable assistance. Thanks to their rigorous training, by 1944 the WASP had flown every aircraft in the army's inventory—including P-59 jet fighters. The WASP flew searchlight tracking missions, ferried and tested planes, performed flight checks, towed targets for anti-aircraft gunnery practice, and instructed male pilot cadets, in addition to performing several other valuable tasks.

While more than 25,000 women applied for WASP training, only 1,879 candidates were accepted. Of these, only 1,074 successfully completed the grueling program at Avenger Field, the nation's largest all-female air base. Though WASP participants underwent the same rigorous training as male cadets, these dedicated individuals were refused recognition as a women's service within the U.S. Army Air Force and were denied veterans' benefits for over 30 years, finally gaining full recognition in 1977.

I'm honored to represent five former Women Air Service Pilots who reside in my Congressional District: Eileen W. Ferguson, Geraldine F. Olinger, Alyce S. Rohrer, Margaret M. Weiss, and Lillian G. Wray. These pioneering women answered the call of duty with enthusiasm and vigor, offering their great skills in service of our nation. I thank you for your service and congratulate you on your long overdue honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2009, I inadvertently failed to vote on rollcall No. 328, had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

Madam Speaker, on June 11, 2009, I inadvertently failed to vote on rollcall No. 329, had I voted, I would have voted "aye."

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER ERIC STANLEY
HOWE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding serviceman in the Fifth District of Ohio. Chief Petty Officer Eric Stanley Howe is retiring from the United States Navy after Twenty years of service.

Officer Howe has earned numerous decorations and promotions throughout his years of

service to our nation. The dedication and commitment that he has shown throughout his military career has served America well.

During his time in the Navy, Officer Howe made deployments to the Mediterranean, Iceland, and Puerto Rico. Two of his deployments have been in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Chief Petty Officer Eric Stanley Howe. Servicemen like Officer Howe lay the foundation upon which freedom and prosperity can rest. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to honor this sailor and his service to our great nation.

HONORING THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TENNESSEE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to rise today on behalf of the City of Arlington, Tennessee for being recognized by the EPA with its Excellence in Site Re-Use Award for turning one of the nation's most dangerous Superfund sites into a safe community park.

When pesticide producer Arlington Blending and Packaging closed its doors for the final time in 1979 it left behind contaminants concentrated in the sites soil and ground water due to years of spills and leakage from facility operations. Years after the site closed the EPA conducted a thorough examination of the 2.3 acre site and listed it as one of the most dangerous Superfund sites in the country. This prompted the EPA to launch an extensive cleanup of the site to safely restore it to families residing in the adjoining Mary Alice neighborhood.

With the EPA's cleanup completed, Arlington Mayor Russell Wiseman and Town Superintendent Ed Haley spearheaded an ambitious effort to purchase the former Superfund site and build a community park though the EPA's Return to Use initiative in conjunction with securing a community development block grant for the park's construction. The successful completion of the Mary Alice Park stands as a shining example of how relentless determination, community support and a unified vision can take something that was once thought to be broken and renew it with new life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arlington Mayor Russell Wiseman, Aldermen Glen Bascom II, Gerald McGee, Hugh Lamar, Oscar Brooks, Harry McKee, Brian Thompson, Town Superintendent Ed Haley, and residents of the Mary Alice Neighborhood for their proactive and conscientious approach to turning a once abandoned and contaminated industrial site into a community park that will be treasured by Arlington families for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I was inadvertently recorded as having voted in the negative on H.R. 1256, House rollcall vote 335, on June 12, 2009. I would like the record to show that I fully intended to vote "yea." I strongly support this measure and, indeed, voted for the legislation when the measure first came before the House for a vote on April 2, 2009.

HONORING KATHY BANKS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Kathy Banks, a great Georgian who died in October 2008 at the age of 66. A kind and warm-hearted woman, talented realtor and active Republican, Kathy was a delight to be around. Her death was a great loss to those who knew and loved her.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Kathy was not a Georgia native; but after moving to Atlanta as a child, she adopted the state as home, staying in Georgia for the rest of her days.

In 1960, Kathy met the love of her life. She and Lee Banks married in July 1961 and stayed together till death did them part 47 years, three kids and five grandkids later. Early in their marriage, the couple moved to Fairburn in south Fulton County. An old family friend there, Mr. Ed M. Green, immediately noticed Kathy's warmth and bright personality and told her that real estate was "the business for her." Mr. Green went on to become Kathy's teacher, mentor, broker and dear friend in the business.

In real estate, Kathy achieved great success. She developed close relationships with her clients, taking personal joy in helping buyers find their first homes, and her clients loved working with her as well. In her 36-plus years in real estate, Kathy sold more than 1,200 homes. Even during the recession of 1975, she had more than a million dollars in sales. A talented businesswoman, Kathy acquired every accreditation in the real estate industry as well as hundreds of awards. She won the President's Award on numerous occasions and was a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Club. Kathy's business interests and mine intertwined at times. In fact, soon after I began my own construction company, Kathy sold the first home that I built.

Kathy was active in her community with dedicated political involvement. She was a lifelong Republican and shared her beliefs as a member of the Troup County Republican Women's Organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in remembering and honoring the life of Kathy Loughney Banks, a loving wife and mother, a successful businesswoman, a great Georgian and a loyal friend.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CONDE HACKBARTH

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Conde Hackbarth, who passed away on June 6 following a 28-year battle with cancer.

Conde Hackbarth was born on August 8, 1937, to Elizabeth and John Spaulding. She grew up in Chicago and Winnetka and raised her family in Kenilworth and Lake Forest. An accomplished student, she graduated from New Trier High School in 1955 and Connecticut College in 1959. Conde spent her summers in Harbor Beach, Michigan, at her family cottage, and for the past 10 years she was a winter resident of the Ocean Reef community in Key Largo, Florida.

Conde Hackbarth is survived by a loving family including her husband Philip, an attorney in Chicago, daughter Elizabeth Sears Smith, son Christopher Sears, stepchildren Rory Hackbarth and Philip Hackbarth, five grandchildren (Jane, Phineas, Sydney, Neil and Kathryn), and Brother Charles Spaulding.

I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Conde Hackbarth in this difficult time, as well as praise Conde for the grace, strength, and courage with which she waged her battle against cancer. Her life is an inspiration to us all.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill 2010.

Requesting Member: Representative ED ROYCE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The City of Westminster

Address of Requesting Entity: City of Westminster, 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683

Description of Request: Provide \$290,000 in FY 2010 to be used for the Criminal Enterprise Initiative, following the Year 2 federal funding provided in 2009. The detectives assigned to the Little Saigon Substation are in operation, specifically focusing on identifying, investigating and dismantling criminal enterprises, having both national and international implications, within the Little Saigon area. Under this project, the Westminster Police Department's Crimes Against Public Unit occupies office space within the Little Saigon district of Westminster, placing a powerful "investigative engine" into the heart of the area where Asian Criminal Enterprises operate. The